

Amendments to the Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended) An illuminated sign comprising:

a housing,

a front plate mounted to the housing,

at least one three-dimensional body,

a light source,

at least one light guide for coupling light from the light source to the at least one three-dimensional body, the light guide comprising a plate-like structure made from a light-transmitting material, the plate-like structure of the light guide extending parallel to and spaced apart from the front plate and the light guide engaging the at least one three-dimensional body

Claim 2 (previously presented) The illuminated sign according to claim 1, wherein the at least one light guide comprises an end surface for directing light received into the light guide from the light source and into the three-dimensional body, and wherein said end surface is optically coupled to the three-dimensional body and conforms to the shape thereof

Claim 3 (previously presented) The illuminated sign according to claim 2, wherein a width of said end surface is smaller than a width of said three dimensional body.

Claim 4 (cancelled)

Claim 5 (previously presented) The illuminated sign according to claim 1, wherein the at least one three-dimensional body engages an edge of the plate-like structure.

Claim 6 (previously presented) The illuminated sign according to claim 5, wherein said edge of the plate-like structure is bevelled.

Claim 7 (previously presented) The illuminated sign according to claim 1, wherein said plate-like structure comprises a recess in which the light source is disposed.

Claim 8 (original) The illuminated sign according to claim 1, wherein at least part of the front plate is opaque.

Claim 9 (previously presented) The illuminated sign according to claim 8, wherein an opaque layer is disposed on the front plate with at least one opening provided through the layer exposing the front plate, and wherein another three-dimensional body is disposed on said opening, and

wherein the light guide and the three dimensional body connected thereto are disposed between the housing and the front plate but laterally spaced beyond the front plate so the opaque layer does not block or cover the three-dimensional object connected to the light guide.

Claim 10 (original) The illuminated sign according to claim 1, wherein the light guide contains a fluorescent substance.

Claim 11 (original) The illuminated sign according to claim 1, wherein said three-dimensional body consists of a paste.

Claim 12 (original) The illuminated sign according to claim 11, wherein the paste is one of a UV-hardening or a self-hardening paste.

Claim 13 (previously presented) The illuminated sign according to claim 1, wherein the at least one three-dimensional body comprises a light-transmitting material.

Claim 14 (currently amended) An illuminated sign comprising:  
a housing,  
a front plate of a light-transmitting material mounted to the housing,  
at least one three-dimensional body,  
a light source,  
at least one light guide for coupling light from the light source to the at least one three-dimensional body, the at least one light guide comprising a plate-like structure which extends at least substantially parallel to ~~and spaced apart from~~ the front plate, the plate-like structure of the at least one light guide comprising a bevelled edge, and  
wherein the at least one three-dimensional body engages the bevelled edge of the plate-like structure of the at least one light guide

Claim 15 (previously presented) The illuminated sign according to claim 14, wherein the plate-like structure comprises a recess in which the light source is disposed.

Claim 16 (previously presented) The illuminated sign according to claim 14, wherein at least part of the front plate is opaque.

Claim 17 (previously presented) The illuminated sign according to claim 16, wherein an opaque layer is disposed on the front plate with at least one opening provided through the layer exposing the front plate, and wherein another three-dimensional body is disposed on the opening, and

wherein the bevelled edge of the light guide and the three dimensional body connected thereto are disposed between the housing and the front plate but laterally

spaced beyond the front plate so the opaque layer does not block or cover the bevelled edge or three-dimensional object connected thereto.

Claim 18 (previously presented) The illuminated sign according to claim 14, wherein the light guide contains a fluorescent substance.

Claim 19 (previously presented) The illuminated sign according to claim 14, wherein the at least one three-dimensional body comprises a light-transmitting material.

Claim 20 (previously presented) An illuminated sign comprising:

a housing,

a front plate of a light-transmitting material mounted to a front of the housing,

a plurality of three-dimensional bodies,

a light source,

at least one light guide for coupling light from the light source to the at least one the three-dimensional bodies, the light guide comprising a wide surface for facing the light source and a narrow edge for emitting light,

wherein the front plate is partially coated with an opaque layer with at least one patterned opening is provided through the opaque layer exposing the front plate and wherein at least one of the three-dimensional bodies is disposed on the front plate in the opening, and

wherein the at least one light guide is disposed within the housing with the wide surface facing the light source and the narrow edge perpendicularly engaging the front plate in alignment with another of the three-dimensional bodies disposed on the front plate beyond the opaque layer.

Claim 21 (cancelled)